

Poverty

- In Kentucky, 15.8% of persons are in poverty; 15.5% of persons in the Purchase/Pennyrile WIA are in poverty. Poverty for families is slightly less than for persons, 12.7% and 11.9% respectively (Kentucky, Purchase/Pennyrile).
- Married-couple families are less likely to be in poverty than other families, 7.0% vs. 32.6%, in Purchase/Pennyrile. Approximately one-fifth of families are not comprised of married-couples. For other families where the householder worked full-time, the poverty rate is lower, 3.9% for male householders and 13.6% for female householders.
- The first chart on the next page shows the percentage of people below poverty by family type and work experience. It's of no surprise that very few married-couple families with both the householder and spouse working full-time, year-round are in poverty, 0.3% in Kentucky.
- In Purchase/Pennyrile, 12.7% of persons aged 18-64 were in poverty in 1999 (Census 2000). For children, the poverty rate was 21.2% and for those over the age of 65, 13.3% were in poverty.

Poverty status in 1999 by family type and work experience of householder

	Kentucky				Purchase/Pennyrile WIA			
	Total	Above Poverty	Below Poverty	% Below Poverty	Total	Above Poverty	Below Poverty	% Below Poverty
Total families:	1,110,426	969,907	140,519	12.7%	114,202	100,572	13,630	11.9%
Married-couple family:	870,930	801,655	69,275	8.0%	92,126	85,690	6,436	7.0%
Householder worked full-time, year-round in 1999:	497,284	487,092	10,192	2.0%	52,025	50,742	1,283	2.5%
Spouse worked full-time, year-round in 1999	221,746	221,036	710	0.3%	21,601	21,497	104	0.5%
Spouse worked less than full-time, year-round in 1999	154,810	152,666	2,144	1.4%	16,465	16,171	294	1.8%
Spouse did not work in 1999	120,728	113,390	7,338	6.1%	13,959	13,074	885	6.3%
Householder worked less than full-time, year-round in 1999:	167,314	149,004	18,310	10.9%	17,180	15,291	1,889	11.0%
Spouse worked full-time, year-round in 1999	49,397	48,526	871	1.8%	4,885	4,787	98	2.0%
Spouse worked less than full-time, year-round in 1999	61,761	55,226	6,535	10.6%	6,233	5,525	708	11.4%
Spouse did not work in 1999	56,156	45,252	10,904	19.4%	6,062	4,979	1,083	17.9%
Householder did not work in 1999:	206,332	165,559	40,773	19.8%	22,921	19,657	3,264	14.2%
Spouse worked full-time, year-round in 1999	33,054	31,062	1,992	6.0%	3,332	3,167	165	5.0%
Spouse worked less than full-time, year-round in 1999	33,182	26,677	6,505	19.6%	3,639	3,157	482	13.2%
Spouse did not work in 1999	140,096	107,820	32,276	23.0%	15,950	13,333	2,617	16.4%
Other family:	239,496	168,252	71,244	29.7%	22,076	14,882	7,194	32.6%
Male householder, no wife present:	56,411	45,824	10,587	18.8%	5,066	4,175	891	17.6%
Householder worked full-time, year-round in 1999	28,563	27,097	1,466	5.1%	2,563	2,464	99	3.9%
Householder worked less than full-time, year-round in 1999	13,137	9,767	3,370	25.7%	1,315	963	352	26.8%
Householder did not work in 1999	14,711	8,960	5,751	39.1%	1,188	748	440	37.0%
Female householder, no husband present:	183,085	122,428	60,657	33.1%	17,010	10,707	6,303	37.1%
Householder worked full-time, year-round in 1999	68,199	61,709	6,490	9.5%	6,054	5,229	825	13.6%
Householder worked less than full-time, year-round in 1999	53,433	28,541	24,892	46.6%	5,465	2,597	2,868	52.5%
Householder did not work in 1999	61,453	32,178	29,275	47.6%	5,491	2,881	2,610	47.5%

Poverty status in 1999 by age

	Kentucky				Purchase/Pennyrile WIA			
	Total	Above Poverty	Below Poverty	% Below Poverty	Total	Above Poverty	Below Poverty	% Below Poverty
All Persons:	3,927,047	3,305,951	621,096	15.8%	391,589	330,950	60,639	15.5%
Under 5 years	261,914	201,590	60,324	23.0%	26,305	20,407	5,898	22.4%
5 years	52,707	41,160	11,547	21.9%	5,211	4,002	1,209	23.2%
6 to 11 years	332,125	261,850	70,275	21.2%	32,265	25,288	6,977	21.6%
12 to 17 years	331,489	270,088	61,401	18.5%	31,589	25,479	6,110	19.3%
18 to 64 years	2,472,272	2,122,200	350,072	14.2%	239,606	206,692	32,914	13.7%
65 to 74 years	271,101	237,961	33,140	12.2%	30,665	27,327	3,338	10.9%
75 years and over	205,439	171,102	34,337	16.7%	25,948	21,755	4,193	16.2%

Source: Census 2000 (SF 3, PCT60 and P87)